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Remarks

Examiner issued a restriction requirement. According to the Office Action, there are four patentably distinct inventions defined in the claims and a restriction to one of these inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Applicant elects "invention IV" as defined in claim 8 for further examination on merits. Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice, disclaimer or waiver. Applicant has also added new claims 9-15 directly or indirectly dependent on claim 8. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

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